



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 646

Senate, April 15, 2002

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION, THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) The chairperson of the State
2 Elections Enforcement Commission shall review the functions and
3 activities of the commission in order to assign priority for the
4 continued funding of such functions and activities and shall submit
5 findings, including any recommendations for legislation to modify
6 such functions and activities, to the joint standing committee of the
7 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
8 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not later than January
9 15, 2003, and annually thereafter.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) The chairperson of the State
11 Ethics Commission shall review the functions and activities of the
12 commission in order to assign priority for the continued funding of

13 such functions and activities and shall submit findings, including any
14 recommendations for legislation to modify such functions and
15 activities, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
16 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
17 budgets of state agencies not later than January 15, 2003, and annually
18 thereafter.

19 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) The chairperson of the Freedom
20 of Information Commission shall review the functions and activities of
21 the commission in order to assign priority for the continued funding of
22 such functions and activities and shall submit findings, including any
23 recommendations for legislation to modify such functions and
24 activities, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
25 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
26 budgets of state agencies not later than January 15, 2003, and annually
27 thereafter.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2002</i>

APP *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Fund-Type	Agency Affected	FY 03 \$	FY 04 \$
GF - Cost	Elect. Enforcement Com.; Ethics Com.; Freedom of Inf. Com.	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the chairpersons of the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the State Ethics Commission, and the Freedom of Information Commission to review the functions and activities of their agencies in order to assign priority for their continued funding. It requires them to report their findings to the Appropriations Committee by January 15, 2003, and annually thereafter. This will not result in additional cost to these agencies because they already report on their budgets and programs to the Appropriations Committee on an annual basis.

OFA Bill Analysis

SB 646

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION, THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION.**SUMMARY:**

The bill requires (1) the chairperson of the State Elections Enforcement Commission, (2) the chairperson of the State Ethics Commission, and (3) the chairperson of the Freedom of Information Commission to review the functions and activities of their agencies and assign priority for their continued funding. They are required to submit findings to the Appropriations Committee not later than January 15, 2003, and annually thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2002

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 49 Nay 0